

# CHAMINADE THIS WEEK MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

August 17-24, 2018

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday, 8/20- Day 2

Tuesday, 8/21- Day 1

Wednesday, 8/22- Day 2

Thursday, 8/23- Day 1

Friday, 8/24- Day 2- Rally Schedule- Club Fair and Back to School Rally- Orange Spirit Dress

## ADMINISTRATION

### Principal's Message

This week I had the pleasure of welcoming 266 new students and their families to our Chaminade Family. During our Orientation Barbeque I had the opportunity to speak to the new students about some short term "bucket list" items that I recommended they try to accomplish in their first semester. My five suggestions were: 1) Make three new friends 2) Pick up a new study habit 3) Discover a talent that you could use to serve others 4) Help someone you don't know 5) Join a club, team, or activity. Each of these recommendations was intended to help students have a smooth transition into their new school environment. I am confident that with the help of their WEB Leaders, Teachers, and staff members, all of our fledging Eagles will soon feel at home on the Chatsworth Campus.

I do also have a short "bucket list" for new parents that will hopefully help make your transition smooth as well. In particular for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents my recommendations are:

- 1) **Loosen the reins a little** (*but not completely*) Middle school is a time where students need to become a bit more independent and try to solve problems on their own. Your guidance and wisdom is still needed, but give them the tools to begin advocating for themselves.
- 2) **Volunteer** There are many ways to get involved at Chaminade from being a Lunch Time Ranger, to a Team Parent, to helping with the Gala. Volunteering is a great way to model service to your student, meet new people, and feel an integral part of the Chaminade community
- 3) **Embrace Teachable Moments** During 3 years of middle school there are bound to be some challenges and disappointments. It is often during these moments that students have the greatest opportunity for growth if we as adults make these occasions learning opportunities.
- 4) **Join us at a Mass or Prayer Service** Whether you are of the Catholic faith or not we want you to feel a part of our Chaminade Family. When we gather to worship God is when our Family Spirit is most evident.
- 5) **Attend a High School Event** Chaminade is unique in that offers students the opportunity for a 7 year experience. We are one school with two campuses. By attending Homecoming, or a play or any athletic event you can become better acquainted with our West Hills Campus.

Any many ways the parent bucket list is not dissimilar to the student bucket list. The emphasis in both is personal growth, service, involvement, and relationships. Hopefully, new families have already begun to feel the hospitality that Marianist institutions are known for, and a sense of the Family Spirit that is central to our community.

### ATTENTION NEW CHAMINADE PARENTS

Please join us next Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, for our annual New Parent Orientation. The event begins in the Student Center at 6:30 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. You will hear from teachers, counselors and administrators about their programs and be able to ask questions that will ultimately help you assist your child in having a successful Chaminade experience! **Please RSVP to our Admissions Director, Mary Guerra, at [mguerra@chaminade.org](mailto:mguerra@chaminade.org), if possible.**

### From the Laptop Hospital

- Unless there is a sign on the door, the Laptop Hospital is open on school days from 7:30 AM – 3:40 PM.
- Remember when shutting down your laptop, wait for the green light on the right side of your laptop to turn off before closing the lid.
- If you need to install your home printer, please come to the Laptop Hospital and ask for a green form.

### From the Deans

The deans appreciate our students conscientious adherence to our uniform policies as we begin our 2018-2019 school

year. All students and families can find the answers to many questions on our Chaminade website in the Parent/Student handbook. Students are reminded that shoes must be either all black, all white, or a combination of the two. Gray shoes are NOT acceptable. Hair color must be one natural color. Any students with “frosted” blond top or ombre styles must either cut their hair or get their hair dyed back to their natural color. Girls are reminded that their skirts must be WITHIN three inches of the top of the knee. Girls referred to the dean’s office will earn a skirt strike. If they earn a third strike, a letter will go home that they are one strike away from skirt probation in which they will be required to wear Dennis pants or shorts for ten weeks. All students are required to wear white crew length socks (mid-calf) with their shoes. Chaminade appreciates everyone’s effort to adhere to the uniform at Chaminade Middle School.

### **E.P.I.C.C. Program**

The “Eagle Pride Initiative for a Clean Campus” Program will continue this school year. Each x block has been assigned a week to do a sweep of our yard at x block (picking up books, lunch boxes, clothing) left out on our yard and brought to the Drop Zone. The administration appreciates the student’s assistance and efforts in keeping our campus looking amazing for our many visitors to campus and a clean environment for our student body. Recycling will be handled by the ecology commissioners in Student Council.

## **ACADEMICS/COUNSELING/LIBRARY**

### **IMPORTANT GRADING INFORMATION**

Within the next few weeks, teachers will begin entering student grades into the electronic grade book. Grades are available to parents as soon as they are entered by teachers. We recommend that you check your child’s grades on a regular basis. You will log into Schoology to monitor ongoing student progress. NetClassroom is the program you will log into in order to access progress reports, semester report cards, and unofficial transcripts. Directions for accessing schoology will be sent via email. Directions for monitoring NetClassroom can be found at the end of this announcement. If you have any difficulty locating information, please call the front office and speak to Mrs. Joana Eleid (363-8127). It is important to keep in mind that teacher evaluation of student work is not immediate. It takes time for a teacher to carefully and thoughtfully review student work and to provide meaningful feedback. All members of the faculty will adhere to the following guidelines for grading:

- Daily formative tasks and assignments (homework, class work, etc.) are generally reviewed and entered by teachers within a week of being collected.
- Larger assessments ( test, writing assignments, etc) are generally reviewed and entered by teachers within two weeks of being collected
- Major assignments (unit projects, portfolios, etc) may take longer than two weeks to be reviewed and entered by teachers.

As always, teachers are available for any questions and concerns you may have regarding student progress. Please do not contact a teacher for the purpose of asking when a particular assignment will be posted. Teachers will do their best to evaluate work within the guidelines described above.

There are times when students benefit from some extra help or clarification regarding content or assignments. All of our teachers have office hours to help meet this need. We are also excited to be continuing subject specific tutoring Monday through Thursday from 3:05pm to 4:00pm beginning on September 4th. The tutoring schedule will be posted in the CTW and on classroom and library bulletin boards. We hope that this program continues to provide our students the opportunity to receive any extra help they may need.

### **Official Grade Reporting for 2018 – 2019**

1. Parents and students will be able to monitor ongoing classroom progress through Schoology this year. The grades will be posted as numerical grades carried out to the second decimal place. All parents will receive directions and credentials via email for accessing Schoology. If you experience any issues accessing the site, please contact Mr. Anthony Ploesch (aploesch@chaminade.org) beginning Monday, August 20. Additional support will be available at the new parent question and answer session on Wednesday, August 22 from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm..
2. Progress reports and semester grades will be accessed through NetClassroom. These grades will be posted numerically to the second decimal place. The corresponding letter grade will also be posted on this site. Cumulative grades will be exported to NetClassroom as a progress report approximately every five weeks. Parents are encouraged to examine these carefully. Semester report card grades will be posted at the end of each semester. The second posting date for each semester will be the end of the first cycle of wheel exploratory classes. Each class will be listed on the semester report card. The two semester wheel class grades will be averaged for GPA purposes. Semester grades are the grades that will be posted on official transcripts and used for GPA calculations.

Posting dates are listed below:  
Fall 1 Progress = September 14  
Fall 2 Progress = October 19  
Fall 3 Progress = November 20  
Fall Semester post – week of January 7, 2019  
Spring 1 Progress = February 8  
Spring Progress 2 = March 15  
Spring Progress 3 = April 18  
Spring Semester post = week of June 3, 2019

## **NETCLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONS**

Log into chaminade.org

Click on NetClassroom – direct link

Enter user id and password (if you need your user id and password information contact the school office at 818-363-8127 ask for Joana Eleid)

To view grades:

- In the green bar across the top click on your student's name –grades- (ie: John's grades)
- Use the drop down to choose graded student work
- On the left side of the screen, choose the following:
  - Academic year – 2017-2018
  - Session – regular
  - Marking column – semester 1
- Under class to display click on each class separately to see progress. If you wish to see all of the assignments, click on expand all

## **From the Library**

Welcome back to school! We will be open on the first day of school and would like to invite you to come and explore our wide selection of books that you can borrow. You only need to present your student ID and the book at the circulation desk and we will be delighted to loan it to you for two weeks. There might even be a small treat for those who check out books during the first week of classes. We also hope that you enjoyed your summer reading--we are looking forward to Mr. Gratz's visit with us in October

## **CAFETERIA**

Monday, 8/20- Orange Chicken  
Tuesday, 8/21- Chicken Alfredo Pasta  
Wednesday, 8/22- Turkey Dogs/Corn Dogs  
Thursday, 8/23- Pizza  
Friday, 8/24- Quesadillas

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

### **Welcome back to the new school year**

We look forward to seeing you in Campus Ministry and at the Chapel, too. If you've read about Yertle and Green Eggs and Ham, and the Cat in the Hat, and Sam I Am, if you've heard about Horton and Gerald McGrew, and the Grinch and the Lorax, and Cindy Lou Who, then listen up now, there is no excuse, let's see what you know about Dr. Seuss! This year our focus is the blessing of Integral, Quality Education and we will discover that through the magical wisdom of Theodor Seuss Geisel. Come to Campus Ministry and see what the zizzer-zazzer-zuzz is all about.

### **Apostolic Works**

#### **Save the Date**

Saturday, September 22nd is SERVICE SATURDAY and there will be many choices for you to donate your time and give service to those in need in our local area. Parents and students must sign up in Campus Ministry. All the details will be in the CTW. Save the date and block off the morning for service on Saturday 9/22/18.

#### **Summer Hours**

Reminder! Returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, the Summer Apostolic Works Hours may be turned in through August 31st. If you completed Summer service hours, please bring in your Summer form to your Religion teacher no later than Friday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ATHLETICS

### Cheerleading Try-Outs

August 20th, 21st, and 23rd from 3:15 to 5pm Squad list posted on August 23rd at 7pm Parent meeting and uniform fitting on August 25th at 10:30am. [Click here](#) to download the info packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Coach Beskid at [kbeskid@chaminade.org](mailto:kbeskid@chaminade.org)

### Fall & Year-Round Sports Start-up

Chaminade Middle School Athletics is gearing up for another exciting Fall season. Fall Sports include: Cross Country, Flag Football, Swimming, Girls Tennis and Girls Volleyball. Year-round sports include Cheerleading, Fencing and Equestrian and begin at this time of year as well.

Please check the **Fall Tryout Schedule** for all Fall/Year-Round Tryout dates and times. Athletes may participate on one Fall Season Team. Athletes interested in participating in a Fall sport and Year-Round sport should speak to the coaches from both sports to see if it is feasible to do so.

There is no pre-registration to try out for any team. Athletes simply need to show up to the first scheduled tryout for the sport they are interested in. There are 3 days of scheduled tryouts – attendance at all 3 days is recommended but not required (*Please have the athlete communicate with the coaches if they cannot attend a tryout date*). Athletes must attend at least one day of the tryouts to be considered for a team. There are no make-up tryouts.

Teams will be posted on the Middle School Athletics Web Page on the **Team Rosters & Sportsware Registration** tab following the conclusion of the tryouts. Online Sportsware Registration and Sports Fees will be accessible for rostered team members following the posting of teams. For more information on the structure of tryouts, please go to the **Tryouts Information** page on the Middle School Athletic Web Page.

Please visit the [Middle School Athletics Web-Page](#) for more information.

Additional questions or concerns, please contact Athletic Director, Walt Stewart [wstewart@chaminade.org](mailto:wstewart@chaminade.org)

## HOUSE NEWS AND CHARACTER COUNTS

### House Shirts

House shirts are available for \$18 in the student activities office. The activities office is open Mondays-Thursday 7:40-8am and 3-3:20pm and during lunch.

### House Parents Needed

Parents: Are you looking for a fun way to be involved on campus and get to know other families and students? Join our team of house parents! If you are interested, please provide your information [on the link here](#) and you will receive an email with details by the end of August. If you have any questions, please contact [adamien@chaminade.org](mailto:adamien@chaminade.org).

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### ROBOTICS: Calling all Eagle Engineers!

If you are interested in trying out for the **VEX IQ or VRC Robotics teams**, tryouts will be held in **room 303 on Monday, 8/20, Wednesday, 8/22 and Thursday, 8/23 from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm.** Tryouts are open to all students of any grade level. No experience is necessary, as engineering and programming skills can be taught. Tryouts are comprised of teamwork/collaboration skills (Staying on task, "playing your role", effective communication skills, level of engagement (active participation of waiting to be told what to do)). Due to the time commitment of our season (August through March) students who choose to participate in Fall or Winter Sports are not eligible to join robotics because of the conflicts in schedules. Team rosters for each program will be posted on the doors of room 303 on Friday, 8/24 at lunch. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Clark at [sclark@chaminade.org](mailto:sclark@chaminade.org).

### Spirit Shirts

If you ordered a spirit shirt during the summer, stop by the activities office (located at the back of the student center facing the gym) to pick up your shirts the first week of school. Shirts will be for sale each day the activities office is open at lunch, 7:40-8:00am and 3:00-3:20pm Monday through Thursday weekly.

### JOIN BAND

Whether you are 10 years old or 100 years old, It is never too late to Join Band. If you enjoy music and are interested in learning how to play an instrument now is the best time to start. No prior experience necessary It is possible to learn.

Concert Band starts Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at 6:45am and go to your locker first. We start playing music at 7:00 am. A Chaminade Family has an excellent condition flute available for sale. Please contact Ms. Snyder for further information at 310-200-6756.

### **Chaminade C-Notes- Calling all singers!**

The C-Notes is open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls who wish to learn and perform all genres of Choral music. NO AUDITION NECESSARY. This ensemble rehearses on Monday and Wednesday after school in the music room from 3:15-4:30pm.

First C-Note Rehearsal: Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 3:15-4:30pm

Students involved in sports or other activities may still join. There are 3 days of tryouts for dance, cheer and sports. Students can attend 2 days of the tryouts and 1 day of C-Notes.

Important Parent Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 at 4:45pm in the music room (immediately following C-Note rehearsal). C-Note procedures and Carnegie Trip will be discussed.

Please contact director Kathy Rohrs for more information: [krohrs@chaminade.org](mailto:krohrs@chaminade.org)

### **Dance Team Tryouts are here!**

Any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with Intermediate to Advanced level of dance experience is invited to be a part of the Eagle Dance team! We will be learning material in the Student Center Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 5pm with auditions Friday in the Gym starting at 3:15. Please see Ms. Eaton with any questions and you can download an audition packet by [clicking this link](#).

### **Club Fair and NEW Club Proposal**

Looking for a way to get involved? The Club Fair will take place at lunch on Friday, August 24 on the main lawn. If you have a proposal for a new club, submit a [club proposal form](#) as soon as possible to be considered as participants at the club fair.

### **Social Media**

Be sure to follow Mr. Valentine on Twitter [@MSPrincipalCCP](#) and Student Activities and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Media Class [@NadeSquad](#) on and [@nadepositivity](#) Instagram.

### **Club Announcements**

#### **SHINE**

Reminder- Our SHINE Workshop and Retreat will take place on Saturday, August 18 from 9am-3:00pm. Please meet in Chaminade Hall, Oak Room by 9:00am with your tablet PC and agenda books in your SHINE polo and appropriate free dress bottoms (no shorts or leggings)

### **S.O.A.R. (Student Outside Achievement Report)**

Matson Lopata (6) has been playing ice hockey since he was 5 years old. Currently he plays for the Simi Valley Titans at the Ice-O-Plex. During the Fall and Winter seasons Matson can be found practicing on Saturdays and playing games every Sunday. Over the years Matson has played many positions, but his preference is left wing. His highest goal total in one game is five. Matson is looking forward to trying for either baseball or golf this year at Chaminade.

### **PARENT INFO/VOLUNTEERING/ADVANCEMENT**

#### **Ready to volunteer?**

Sign up now. Visit the [Parent Opportunities page](#) on our website to sign up.

Opportunities include:

- HS Football Games Mundy's Concession Stand
- HS Football Games Booster Merchandise Stand
- Student Store on both campuses
- MS Back To School Night Hospitality
- MS Lunch Rangers

For more info please contact the Advancement Office at 818-360-0615.

#### **SAVE THE DATE... 6th Annual Volunteer Mixer!**

Find out what volunteer opportunities are available. Meet other parents, grandparents and Chaminade's Advancement team.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
West Hills Campus , Tutor Center Amphitheater

Thursday, August 23, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Continental Breakfast  
Chatsworth Campus , Oak Room, Chaminade Hall

Both mixers are open to all parents and are not campus specific. You may attend either event, whether your child attends the middle or high school. **BRING A FRIEND!** [Click on the link to RSVP](#). Any questions please contact the Advancement office at 818-360-0615

### **Become a Stadium Club member today!**

Stadium Club membership gives you an enhanced Eagle fan experience during the High School football and varsity basketball seasons.

All members receive the following benefits:

- Two member passes and two guest passes for regular season, home football games at Booster Stadium\*
- Two member passes and two guest passes for regular season, basketball games at Uribe Sports Center\*
- One reserved parking space in Stadium Club area for each regular season, home football game
- Invitation for four people to Stadium Club tailgate on September 7 (alcohol is not permitted)
- Invitation for four people to Stadium Club End of Season Party on October 19 (alcohol will be served, and any person under 21 will not be permitted entry)
- A Stadium Club gift will be distributed at the game on September 7

\*Stadium Club passes are for regular season football and girls' and boys' basketball games only. All playoff and CIF games are excluded and must be purchased separately. Use this link to register... [https://chaminade.formstack.com/forms/stadium\\_club\\_2018](https://chaminade.formstack.com/forms/stadium_club_2018)

For more information please contact  
Office of Advancement at (818) 360-0615 or  
[advancement@chaminade.org](mailto:advancement@chaminade.org).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Bus Schedule**

Conejo Valley – 3:20 and 5:20 p.m.  
East Valley Buses – 3:20, 4:35 and 5:20 p.m.  
Intercampus Shuttle Buses – 3:20, 4:05 and 5:05 p.m.  
Santa Clarita Valley Bus – 3:40 and 5:20 p.m.

### **Santa Clarita Bus Riders**

On Thursday, August 23rd your bus will be leaving campus at 3:25 p.m. and 5:20 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Roxy.

## **BOOSTERS/UNIFORM SALES**

### **Booster Sales- Store will open after Labor Day**

Thank you for your support of Boosters. The store will reopen Wednesday, August 22 and continue to be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4pm. Questions? Contact Linda Gaona at [lgaona@chaminade.org](mailto:lgaona@chaminade.org).